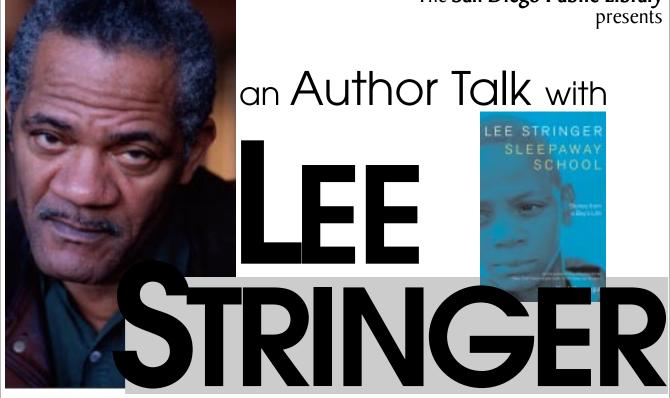
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With *Sleepaway School*, Stringer describes an eleven-year-old's experience of being sent away: first to foster care and then to reform school. Bright, well-meaning and polite, noone understood why he'd violently lash out from time to time. In the confined, secluded environment of a school for troubled kids, Stringer stumbles across unlikely friendships, social triumphs and failures, a bewildering sexual awakening, and the first inkling that the imagination has enough power to lift his spirit as well as the spirits of those around him.

Stringer is the critically acclaimed author of *Grand Central Winter*, recounting his twelve years of homelessness and drug addiction on the streets of New York City. The book's ensuing media attention was intense and widespread (The New York Times, USA Today, CNN, Oprah, All Things Considered, etc.) in large part because Stringer was able to give a gritty and poignant insider's view of what it means to become adrift in the world.

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